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A CASTLE NEAR EGIN'S BORDER
BANG! BANG! BANG!
IT'S AN ATTACK!
ARE THEY RAAKU SOL-DIERS!?
NO, THEY'RE WILD BEASTS!
AAH!
GYAA!
THEY SEEM TO HAVE BEEN MUTATED!
HURRY! GET IN THE BARRIER! THE GATE!
...
AAH!
BUT WE SHUT THE BARRIER DOWN WHEN WE SENT OUT THE SCOUTING TROOP!
WHAT?!
Crunch
Snap
DON'T WORRY! THE DEMON BARRIER AT THE GATE WILL WARD THEM OFF!
GRR
POW!
SNAP
SNAP
BUY US SOME TIME!
THEN SHOOT THEM!

Waa
aaa
aaa
aaa
a-
FWOO
OOSH
SWISH
BAM!
THUD
AH!
VICE-CAPTAIN OF THE KNIGHTS, MAIRA-DONO?!
AND
…
!!?

I, HOLY MAIDEN LUCE, SHALL PROTECT YOU ALL!
MY DARLING CHILDREN OF EGIN
EVERY-THING IS ALRIGHT NOW
!?
KNOW THAT YOU ARE HIDEOUS!
SURPRISE
FOR I SHALL RECEIVE THEM, FANGS AND ALL!
VENT YOUR RAGE IN THOSE VILE ATTACKS
SO SHE'S... THE "TRUE-"
HOLY MAIDEN ...?!
GRR
RAISE
ILL-MANNERED BEASTS!

...HEY
NOTHING'S HAPPENING...
UH OH!
STEP
GRR
.....
!!!
ROAR
O "MIRROR SHIELD"!
TRANSFORM INTO A BEAST AND DEVOUR THE WICKED!
SLAM!
AHA!

SLURP
CRR
AACK
GULP
TWITCH
...HUH?

NOW
PHEW
YOU ARE SAFE
...AH
HOORAY!
I'M THE LORD HERE
OH, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!
PLEASE STAY AND REST A WHILE!
GOOD JOB!

I'D RATHER BE IMPRESSING THE GENERAL POPULACE BY NOW
BUT BROTHER WANTED US TO WAIT A LITTLE WHILE BEFORE MAKING THE GRAND ANNOUNCE-MENT. OH WELL...
HOWEVER, TAKING THIS TRIP UNDER THE PRETENSE OF "INSPECTING THE BORDER" IS FRUITFUL AS WELL.
THE SOLDIERS STATIONED AT THE BORDERS WILL GRADUALLY GAIN A FAVORABLE VIEW OF THE "TRUE HOLY MAIDEN"
SHOW HER TO HER ROOM
I NOTICED SOME IMPROV-IZATION THERE
THE REACTION WAS SUPERB
THE HOLY MAIDEN'S ALREADY INSIDE
THIS ROOM IS FOR THE TWO OF YOU
CREAK
SIGH
SQUISH
SEE YOU!
LET'S CONTINUE ON THIS PATH
SATOKI-SAN

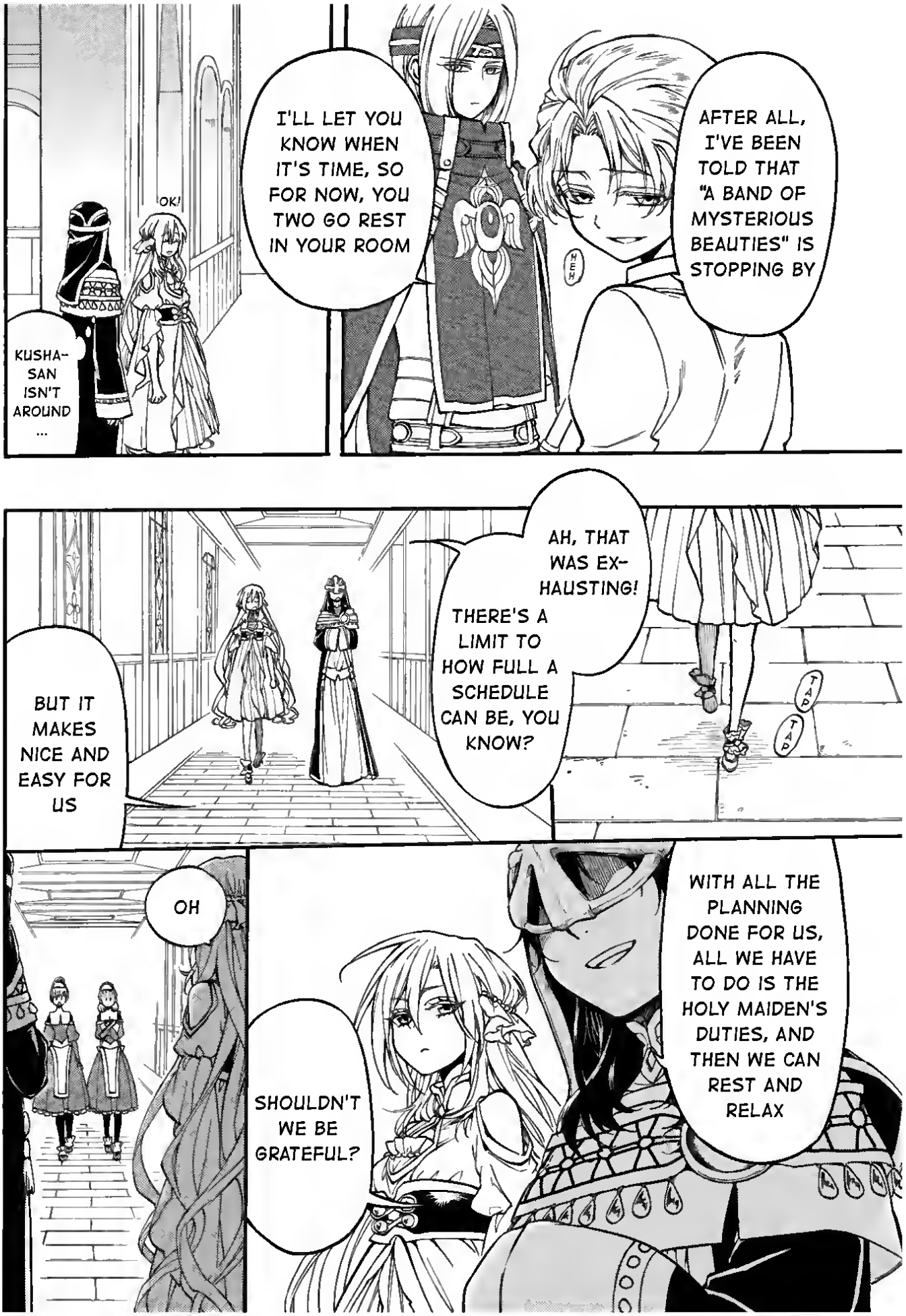
WIG
CLICK
CLOP
FLUT-
TER
CREAK
FWOMP
FLOP
...UH
UM...

MAN, I'M EXHAUSTED!
SCRATCH SCRATCH
"THE TRUE HOLY MAIDEN"
SATOKI, WOULD YOU BRING THOSE SNACKS WITH YOU ON YOUR WAY OVER?
POINT
I CAN'T TAKE IT!!! MY IMPRESSION OF YOU HAS BEEN RUINED!
Waa
RUB RUB
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? HAVEN'T WE BEEN THROUGH THIS?
AAH!
SLUMP

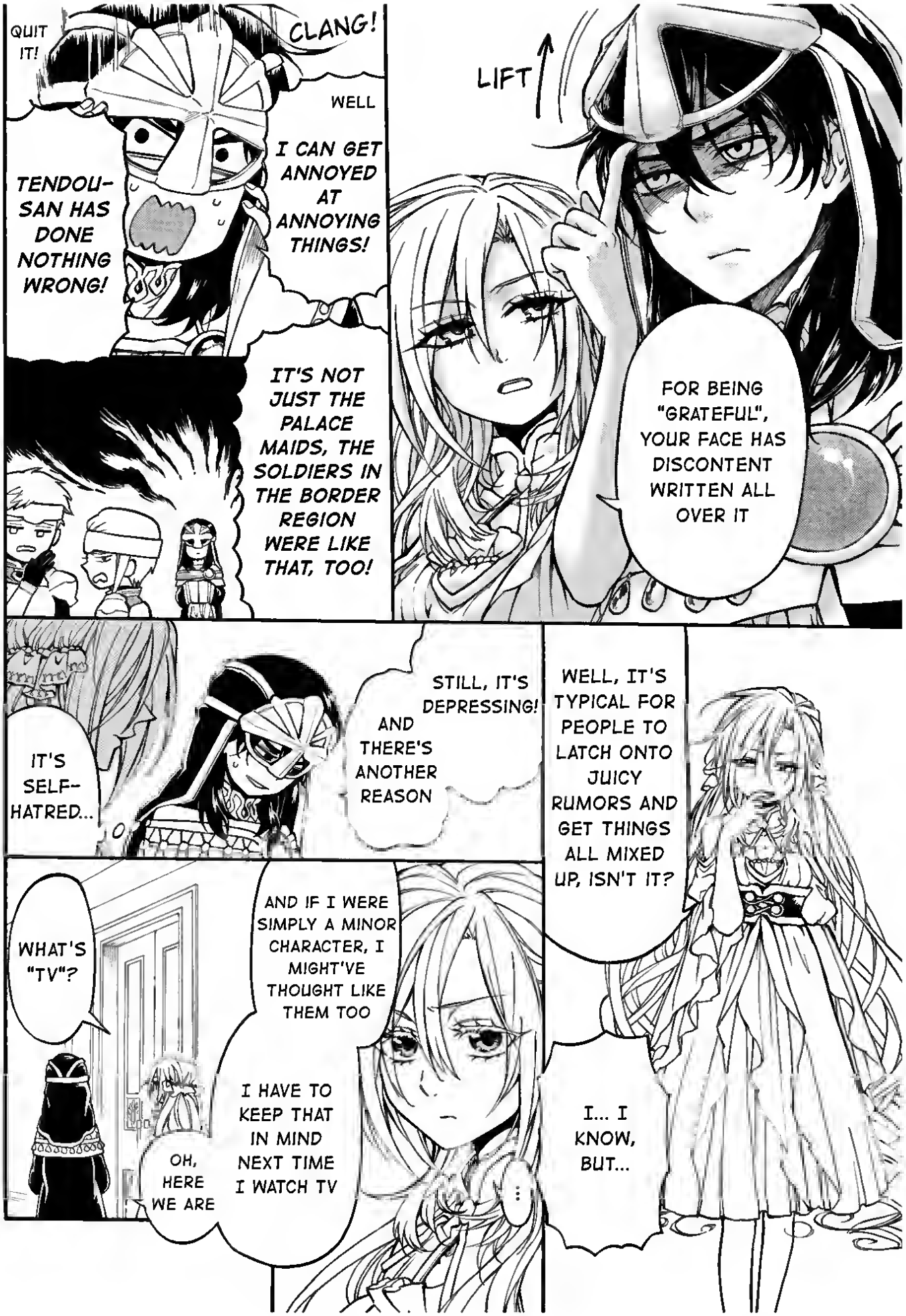
I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT SHOCK FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE
Gyaaaaa!!! What is this?! It's hor-rible !!!
HA HA
YOU PLEBES ARE ALL THE SAME
ALSO, THIS IS WHAT I'M REALLY LIKE
Rip
WELL NICE TO MEET YA!
SPREAD
OCCURRED RIGHT AFTER CHAPTER 9
BY NOW YOU SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN OVER YOUR REACTION FROM THE DAY WE FIRST MET
MM...
STRETCH
WE'RE TRYING TO PROMOTE MY STATUS AS THE TRUE HOLY MAIDEN, RIGHT? SO IF I DON'T STAND OUT, THEN THERE'S NO POINT
BESIDES, YOU FIGURED IT OUT, AND THE PRINCE WAS HAPPY, SO IT WAS A BIG SUCCESS
OH SHUT UP, EVEN THE HOLY MAIDEN WOULD WANT TO UNWIND IN HER OWN ROOM. IS THAT SO BAD?
YOU KNOW, YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE "BEAUTIFUL" HOLY MAIDEN, SO YOU NEED TO BE MORE SELF-AWA-
THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT OKAY! YOU CAN'T JUST PUT ME ON THE SPOT, GIVING ME ORDERS WITH THAT WEIRD PHRASING!
SEXY SHOT (?)
STRETCH
WE ALMOST DIED OUT THERE!
ALSO, WHAT WAS UP WITH THAT BATTLE EARLIER?! WASN'T THE MISSION WAS TO "CONJURE A FLAMING SWORD FOR MAIRA-SAN"?! BUT YOU MADE ME MAKE A SHIELD LIKE THAT!
YES, IT'S VIO-LENCE AGAI-NST MY EYES!

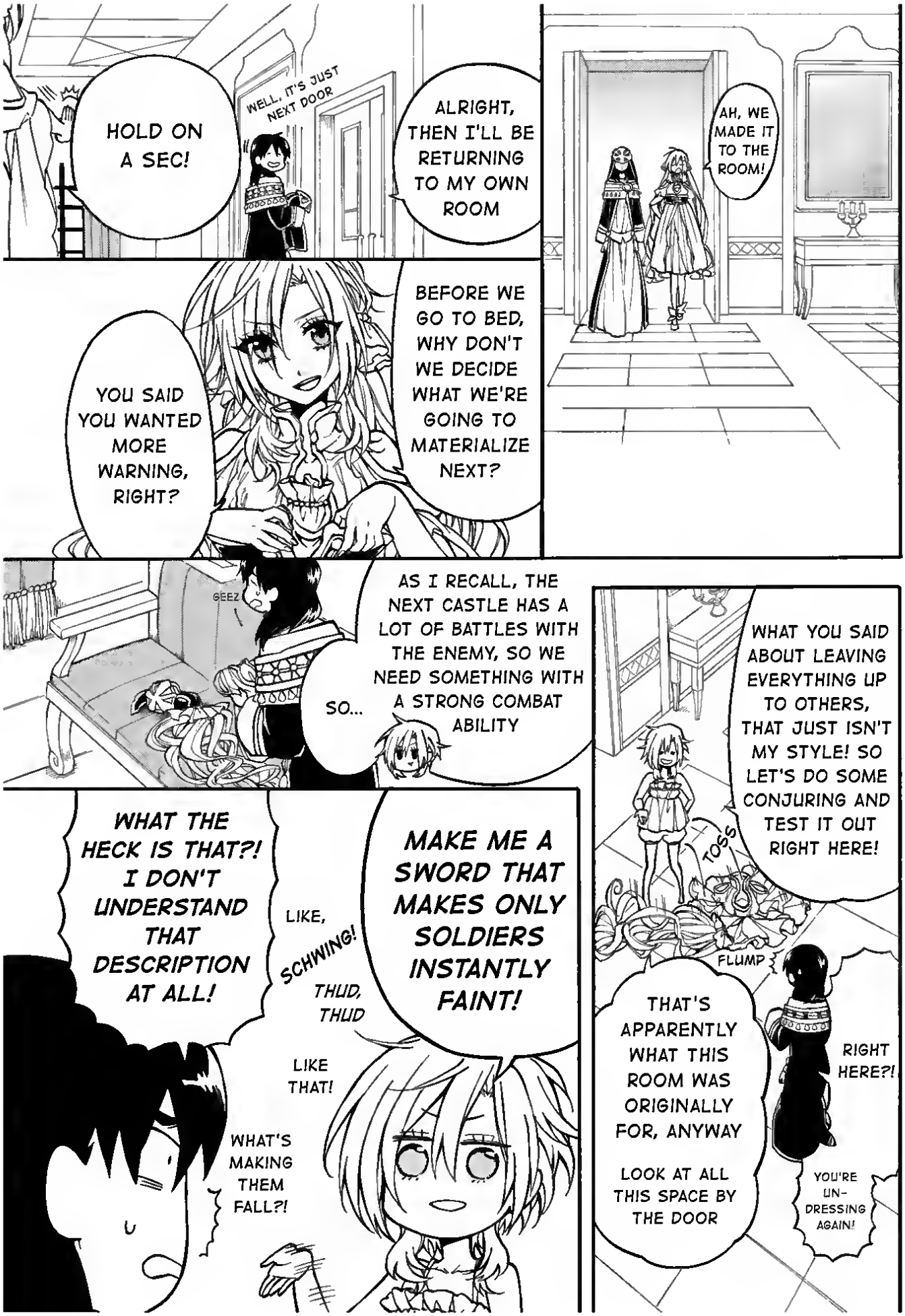
OH YEAH! THAT ONE WAS REALLY PRETTY, WASN'T IT? THE SOLDIERS LOVED IT TOO!
LUCE-SAN!!!
AND AT THE GARRISON THE TIME BEFORE THAT!
Sparkle
MAY YOUR SWORD PURIFY EVIL! RETURN IT TO THE LIGHT AND RECALL IT TO THE HEAVENS!
SLASH
WHAT?!
WHOA AAA!
YOU DID IT AT THE CASTLE BEFORE THIS, TOO!
TWANG!
ZOOM
RELEASE THIS ARROW AND IT WILL MULTIPLY, PIERCING THE WICKED WITH GREAT FURY!
WOW, IT DID IT!
L-LIKE THIS?!
NET-IKA-SAMA!
CLICK
IF ANYTHING SPECIFIC IS NEEDED, I WILL GIVE EXPLICIT ORDERS. BUT AS FOR THE REST, FEEL FREE TO IMPROVISE
FOR THIS MISSION, AS LONG AS YOU CHARM THE SOLDIERS, ANYTHING IS FAIR GAME
THAT'S-
THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT
COME ON, YOU KNOW BEING STRAIGHT-LACED ISN'T MY THING. I'M BEING FORCED TO ACT HERE, SO I MIGHT AS WELL HAVE FUN DOING IT
IT'S FINE AS LONG AS WE GET THE RESULTS THAT THE PRINCE WANTS. YOU SHOULD ENJOY YOURSELF TOO

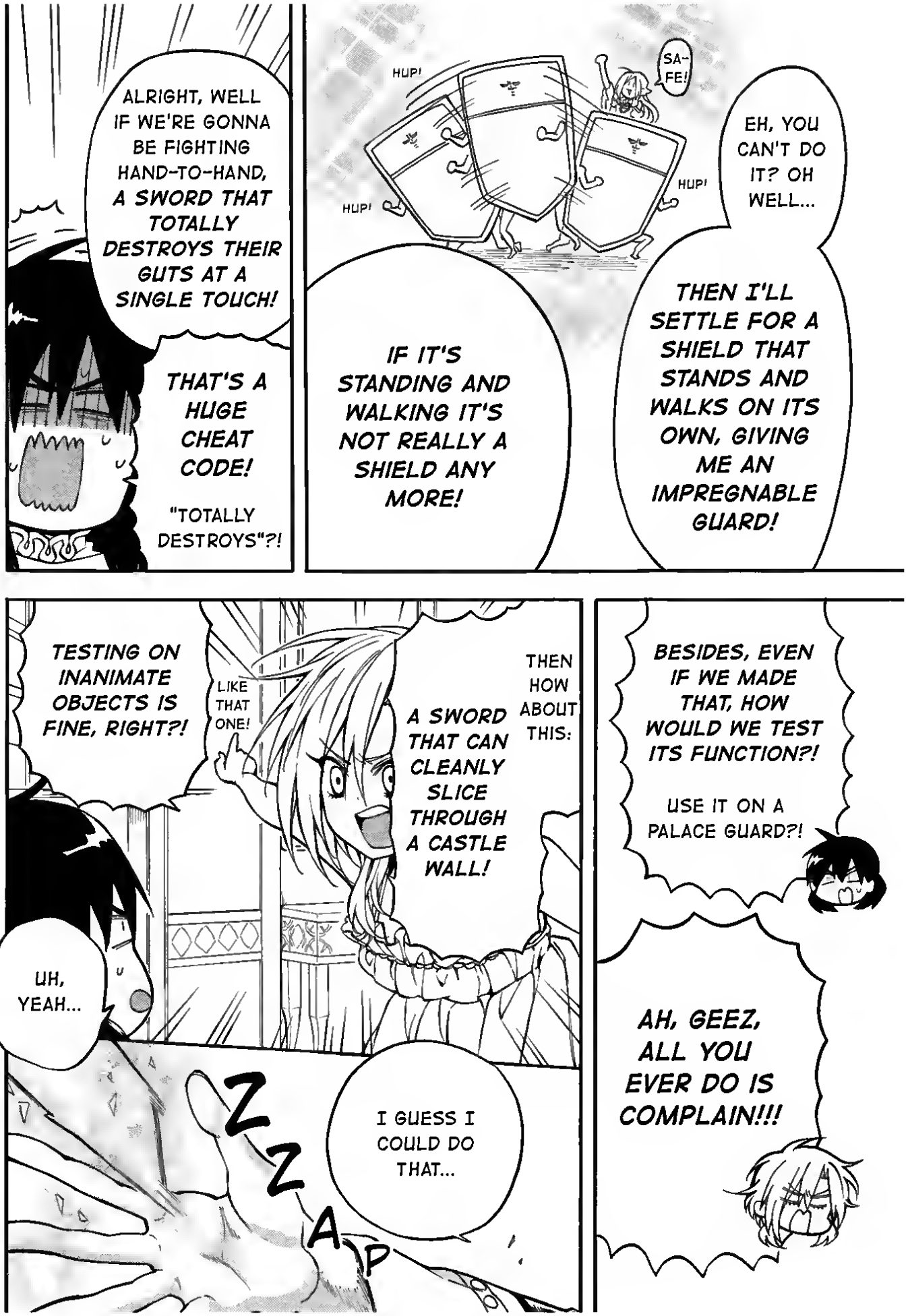
PLEASE ENJOY YOURSELVES! AFTER ALL, A GLOOMY FACE WILL ONLY MAKE THE SOLDIERS UNEASY
SEE?! I TOLD YOU!
.....
YOU GET IT NOW, RIGHT? WE HAVE "NO CHOICE BUT TO DO OUR JOB"
SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL TAKE IT EASY
...TAKE IT EASY, HUH?
THAT'S RIGHT. I'D ALREADY GIVEN UP
BECAUSE SCHEMING AND RESISTING
ARE BOTH USELESS HERE...
A FEW DAYS LATER IN THE ROYAL PALACE, IN FRONT OF THE TEMPLE
ALRIGHT, THE WESTERN BORDER REGION IS PRETTY MUCH SECURED NOW
BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO THE EASTERN REGION, LET'S REST HERE AT THE ROYAL PALACE FOR A BIT


KUSHA-SAN ISN'T AROUND ...
OK!
I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME, SO FOR NOW, YOU TWO GO REST IN YOUR ROOM
HEH
AFTER ALL, I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT "A BAND OF MYSTERIOUS BEAUTIES" IS STOPPING BY
BUT IT MAKES NICE AND EASY FOR US
THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW FULL A SCHEDULE CAN BE, YOU KNOW?
AH, THAT WAS EX-HAUSTING!
TAP
TAP
OH
SHOULDN'T WE BE GRATEFUL?
WITH ALL THE PLANNING DONE FOR US, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS THE HOLY MAIDEN'S DUTIES, AND THEN WE CAN REST AND RELAX

WASN'T THAT THE TRUE HOLY MAIDEN? SHE WAS JUST AS BEAUTIFUL AS THE RUMORS SAY!
WHISPER
APPARENTLY SHE SAVED A BUNCH OF CASTLES IN THE BORDER REGION!
NETIKA-SAMA WAS RIGHT! SHE'S GOT TO BE THE REAL ONE!
BUT I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HARUKA-SAMA WAS A FAKE!
WELL, YOU KNOW, WHEN A WOMAN FALLS FOR A MAN...
BUT SHE AND ROSWALD DEFINITELY LOOKED SUSPICIOUS TOGETHER
SHE DIDN'T SEEM THE TYPE
BUT MAYBE THAT WAS HER TRUE PERSONALITY...


QUIT IT!
CLANG!
WELL
I CAN GET ANNOYED AT ANNOYING THINGS!
TENDOU-SAN HAS DONE NOTHING WRONG!
IT'S NOT JUST THE PALACE MAIDS, THE SOLDIERS IN THE BORDER REGION WERE LIKE THAT, TOO!
LIFT
FOR BEING "GRATEFUL", YOUR FACE HAS DISCONTENT WRITTEN ALL OVER IT
IT'S SELF-HATRED...
AND THERE'S ANOTHER REASON
STILL, IT'S DEPRESSING!
WELL, IT'S TYPICAL FOR PEOPLE TO LATCH ONTO JUICY RUMORS AND GET THINGS ALL MIXED UP, ISN'T IT?
I... I KNOW, BUT...
WHAT'S "TV"?
OH, HERE WE ARE
I HAVE TO KEEP THAT IN MIND NEXT TIME I WATCH TV
AND IF I WERE SIMPLY A MINOR CHARACTER, I MIGHT'VE THOUGHT LIKE THEM TOO


HOLD ON A SEC!
WELL, IT'S JUST NEXT DOOR
ALRIGHT, THEN I'LL BE RETURNING TO MY OWN ROOM
AH, WE MADE IT TO THE ROOM!
BEFORE WE GO TO BED, WHY DON'T WE DECIDE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO MATERIALIZE NEXT?
YOU SAID YOU WANTED MORE WARNING, RIGHT?
GEEZ
AS I RECALL, THE NEXT CASTLE HAS A LOT OF BATTLES WITH THE ENEMY, SO WE NEED SOMETHING WITH A STRONG COMBAT ABILITY
SO...
WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT LEAVING EVERYTHING UP TO OTHERS, THAT JUST ISN'T MY STYLE! SO LET'S DO SOME CONJURING AND TEST IT OUT RIGHT HERE!
TOSS
FLUMP
THAT'S APPARENTLY WHAT THIS ROOM WAS ORIGINALLY FOR, ANYWAY
LOOK AT ALL THIS SPACE BY THE DOOR
RIGHT HERE?!
YOU'RE UN-DRESSING AGAIN!
MAKE ME A SWORD THAT MAKES ONLY SOLDIERS INSTANTLY FAINT!
LIKE,
SCHWING!
THUD, THUD
LIKE THAT!
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?! I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT DESCRIPTION AT ALL!
WHAT'S MAKING THEM FALL?!


ALRIGHT, WELL IF WE'RE GONNA BE FIGHTING HAND-TO-HAND, A SWORD THAT TOTALLY DESTROYS THEIR GUTS AT A SINGLE TOUCH!
THAT'S A HUGE CHEAT CODE!
"TOTALLY DESTROYS"?!
HUP!
HUP!
HUP!
SA-FE!
EH, YOU CAN'T DO IT? OH WELL...
THEN I'LL SETTLE FOR A SHIELD THAT STANDS AND WALKS ON ITS OWN, GIVING ME AN IMPREGNABLE GUARD!
IF IT'S STANDING AND WALKING IT'S NOT REALLY A SHIELD ANY MORE!
TESTING ON INANIMATE OBJECTS IS FINE, RIGHT?!
LIKE THAT ONE!
THEN HOW ABOUT THIS:
A SWORD THAT CAN CLEANLY SLICE THROUGH A CASTLE WALL!
UH, YEAH...
I GUESS I COULD DO THAT...
ZZZAP
BESIDES, EVEN IF WE MADE THAT, HOW WOULD WE TEST ITS FUNCTION?!
USE IT ON A PALACE GUARD?!
AH, GEEZ, ALL YOU EVER DO IS COMPLAIN!!!

OKAY, UM... WELL IT'S A BIT OF A WASTE, BUT LET'S TEST IT ON THIS DESK HERE OR SOMETHING...
OKAY... THIS LOOKS GOOD!
WHEN YOU SAID IT SHOULD CUT CLEANLY, I THOUGHT OF JAPANESE SWORDS, SO I MADE A KATANA
JAPONEZE?
WHOA, THAT'S PRETTY COOL!
EH?
WHAT ARE YOU-?
"SWORD THAT CAN CLEANLY SLICE THROUGH A CASTLE WALL"
READY... SET...
KABOOM!
AN ATTACK?!
IT WAS YOU?!
LOOK AT ALL THIS
YOU REBELLING?!
BE-HEADED
THE END
!!!!!!?

MAKE
SHIELD!
CRACKLE
WHOOSH
WAIT!
AAAHH!!!
BONG
WO-
OOF
BWAA
GRAB

BURP
GULP
SUCK
.....
SHHH
IT ATE IT
WHAT WAS THAT THING THAT YOU MADE JUST NOW?
WHAT IN THE WORLD WERE YOU THINK-ING?!
THIS IS THE PRIVATE BUILDING FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY, YOU KNOW! IF WE MAKE A HUGE RUCKUS, THE ROYAL GUARD WILL MISUNDERSTAND AND THINK WE'RE TRYING TO ESCAPE, AND THEY'LL HUNT US DOWN!
IT WAS THAT SHIELD THAT ATE THOSE MONSTERS EARLIER, RIGHT?
ARE YOU EVEN LISTEN-ING?!

WE'D BE FINE. WITH THAT SWORD WE CAN JUST BLAST ANY LITTLE SOLDIERS OR WHOEVER
YOU HAD ME MAKE THAT SWORD SO WE COULD ESCAPE? BUT EVEN SO, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THERE'S NO MISUNDERSTANDING. I KIND OF LOST INTEREST, SO I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT RUNNING AWAY, YOU KNOW
WHAT?!
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW ANYONE WHO COULD HELP HIDE US, AND THE ONLY ALLY WE HAVE HAS GONE MISSING!
I'M SAYING IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! NO MATTER HOW GOOD THE WEAPON IS, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO USE IT RIGHT!
AND WE LOSE IN BOTH NUMBERS AND FAMILIARITY WITH THE AREA, SO WE CAN'T EVEN RUN OR HIDE!
ON TOP OF THAT, EVERY ENTRANCE, EXIT, AND STAIRWAY IS BEING MONITORED!
EVEN IF WE COULD CONFUSE THEM WITH A SURPRISE ATTACK, WE'D STILL-
WHAT'S THIS?
SO YOU HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT, AFTER ALL
HUH?

I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU GAVE UP ON ALL THAT
PLOT-TING TO ESCAPE
WITH ALL THOSE SPECIFICS, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE THOUGHT IT OVER ALREADY, HAVEN'T YOU?
OF COURSE! I HAVE NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT SUCH A COMFORTABLE LIFE AS THIS!
NONE AT ALL!
I LIKE IT, TOO!
TH- THEN WHY DID YOU SAY SUCH A-
OUCH!
BONK
BECAUSE YOU'RE IRRITATING!
SHOCK
AND I TRIED, BUT YOU STOPPED ME!
SIGH
I FIGURED THAT SINCE YOU'RE SO UPSET AND DISSATISFIED WITH YOUR "JOB," YOU SHOULD'VE JUST RUN AWAY
STAMP
BUT SINCE YOU NEVER DID, I THOUGHT I'D DO SOMETHING TO GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY
WHAT?! SO IT WAS A LIE WHEN YOU SAID YOU LOST INTEREST
?!

ALSO YOUR TENDENCY TO FREEZE OR RUN AWAY FROM YOUR PROBLEMS, IT'S SO IRRITATING!
IT'S A BAD HABIT
ALWAYS PRETENDING THAT YOU'RE POWERLESS AND NEVER FIGHTING
AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST SOME ABILITY THAT LET YOU MATERIALIZE EQUIPMENT FOR FREE, BUT I WAS WRONG
NO, I'M ACTUALLY REALLY WEAK
HELPLESS, REALLY
YOU LIAR
N...
SINCE YOU COULDN'T MAKE UP YOUR MIND, I DID IT FOR YOU
I MEAN, IT'S FINE IF YOU WANNA BE LIKE THAT FOREVER, BUT-
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE THE WILL AND TIME TO PREPARE, YOU CAN BEAT ANYTHING. BUT IN THE END, IT'S YOUR CHOICE TO OBEY OR NOT
JUST HOLD ON A SECOND!
I REALIZED IT WHILE WE WERE TRAVELING TOGETHER
YOU DEFINITELY HAVE THE POWER OF A GOD, A POWER THAT NO ORDINARY HUMAN COULD EVER HOPE TO MATCH

THEN WHY DID YOU IMAGINE A SCENARIO WHERE YOU ESCAPED AND RAN AWAY?
BESIDES, I ALREADY GAVE UP ON SUCH THOUGHTS...
I COULDN'T HELP IT...
LIKE I SAID, JUST HAVING A STRONG WEAPON ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH! THAT'S WHY... I...
AND BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU SHOULD BE RESISTING, SO YOU'RE-
L-LET ME EXPLAIN
GRIP
BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE IT HERE, RIGHT?
THAT'S NOT-
OF COURSE IT'S A DIFFERENT CAST THAN I IMAGINED
ESCAPE PLANS, GETTING RESCUED, AND SUCH!
HOW COULD I NOT FANTASIZE IN SUCH A "CAPTIVE PRINCESS" SCENARIO AS THIS?!
BUT ACTUALLY WANTING IT TO HAPPEN IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT! FANTASY IS WHAT IT IS BECAUSE IT'S NOT REAL. WANTING THE FANTASY TO BECOME REALITY IS
AGAINST THE RULES!!!
FANTA-SIZING IS JUST A HOBBY OF MINE, THAT'S ALL!
I'M TELLING YOU, THAT'S NOT IT!
CLOSE

...OH
IS THAT SO...
THAT'S THE SECRET TO HAPPI-NESS
LIVE MODER-ATELY AND ENJOY YOUR FANTASIES
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
DON'T HESITATE ANYMORE, OK?
I WON'T-
I'M NOT!
YOU'RE DOING IT NOW!
AH, SERIOUSLY...
WITH MY INDECISION
WELL
WHATEVER, IF YOU'RE FINE WITH IT...
BUT IF IT COMES DOWN TO ONE OR THE OTHER
I CAN'T EVEN PROPERLY GIVE UP...
OH, SO WE'RE ACTUALLY GONNA DO THAT, HUH...
ALRIGHT, NOW LET'S THINK ABOUT WHAT WE'RE REALLY GOING TO MAKE FOR THE NEXT CASTLE!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU GUYS, BUT I FEEL LIKE LUCE HAS HIT THE NAIL RIGHT ON THE HEAD. ONLY TWO CHAPTERS LEFT, I'M AFRAID, SO WE'RE PROBABLY NOT GONNA GET A TON OF CHARACTER GROWTH... OH WELL. NEXT CHAPTER WILL *PROBABLY* BE OUT FASTER THAN THIS ONE (MY FAULT), BUT NO PROMISES.

REHOSTING POLICY: I DON'T CARE ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT SO FEEL FREE TO RESIZE THIS OR PUT IT ANYWHERE. THE ORIGINAL IS ON BATOTO. JUST DON'T REMOVE THIS PAGE OR CLAIM IT AS YOUR OWN WORK. THANKS!

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